street-corners were not voices raised denouncing the cruel irony whereby, when machinery, raw materials and hands were available, and when there were so many with needs unsatisfied, machines and men were left idle, raw materials unused; claiming that a Labour Government would speedily find a means of righting this cruel and unnecessary wrong. Mr. Lloyd George based his strategy in the 1929 election on unemployment. "With five hundred candidates and what remained of the party funds which fell to him when the Coalition Government disintegrated, he offered a guarantee that he would reduce unemployment to normal proportions within a year without any extra charge on the Exchequer. The electorate neglected to take advantage of this handsome offer.

A result, perhaps, of the thinking which the Prime Minister had announced was the appointment of three Ministers—Mr. J. H. Thomas, Mr. Lansbury and Sir Oswald Mosley, to deal with unemployment, the assumption being that the first would provide the geniality, the second the benevolence and the third the brains necessary for this difficult undertaking. Their partnership lasted only until May 1930, when Sir Oswald Mosley resigned, disgusted, as he vehemently explained, with the futility and prevarication of his colleagues. He followed up his resignation by issuing a Memorandum which called for a more decisive policy, and for constitutional changes which would expedite its implementation. One of the signatories of this Memorandum was Mr. John Strachey, at the time also a Labour

Member of Parliament. He and Sir Oswald joined forces for a little while, and then separated, hurrying away in opposite directions, the one to try and write like Lenin, the other to try and look like Hitler.

Another result of the thinking to which MacDonald and his colleagues devoted themselves was the institution of an Economic Council "to advise His Majesty's Government on economic matters'. To this Council were appointed every variety of economist, as Mr. J, M, Keynes, Lord (then Sir Josiah) Stamp, Mr. G. D. H. Cole, and the idea was that they should meet